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A Public Rally and March

FREE **GARY** **TYLER!**



**Saturday,
November 6**

12 Noon - 2 PM

Military Park

**Broad St. - Raymond Blvd.
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Sponsored By:
**NEW JERSEY COMMITTEE TO
FREE GARY TYLER**

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THE FACTS BEHIND THE FRAME-UP

Gary Tyler, an 18 year old black youth, has been in prison in Louisiana since November 1974. He was sentenced to be electrocuted on May 5, 1976, but was granted a stay of execution. In the summer, 1976 the U.S. Supreme Court declared the Louisiana capital punishment law under which Gary Tyler was convicted unconstitutional, however the state of Louisiana is still trying to have him executed. Here are the facts behind Gary's frame-up.

HOW THE SHOOTING OCCURRED

Tyler is convicted of the murder of a 13-year-old white youth. The shooting occurred on October 7, 1974 in Destrehan, Louisiana. Black students on a bus were attacked by a mob of white students and parents. The mob was protesting desegregation. A shot rang out during the riot and the white youth fell dead. The bus driver testified during the trial that he was certain the shot couldn't have come from inside the bus.

IMMEDIATE AFTERMATH OF SHOOTING

The 60-70 black students and the bus were searched for two hours with no evidence of any gun or weapon appearing. When Tyler protested, he was singled out by the police. Tyler was charged that night with first degree murder.

BUILDING THE FRAME-UP

After the bus had been in police custody for many hours, the gun was produced. Police claim it was hidden under an 8-inch slit in one of the seats—a slit they somehow managed to miss during their two-hour search earlier. The gun reported stolen—from a nearby police firing range, after it was discovered as "evidence."

In order to obtain witnesses against Gary Tyler, the police tortured and brutally harassed some black students until they agreed to testify.

Natalie Blanks, the key witness was threatened with the charge of necessary to murder if she did not testify against Gary. She was told by prosecutors that she would be charged with perjury if she later recanted her testimony.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT LAW DECLARED UNCONSTITUTIONAL

On November 10 Gary Tyler will again be literally fighting for his life.

The US Supreme Court struck down Louisiana's death penalty law for being too broad and arbitrary this summer. However, new death penalty laws are being written.

Two weeks ago six assistant state attorneys generals of the state of Louisiana filed a 70-page brief arguing that the Louisiana Supreme Court can legally murder Gary Tyler.

The special Grand Jury hearing on November 10 will decide whether to send Gary to the chair, or give him 99 years imprisonment.

STOP THIS MURDER!

Today it is clearer than ever that the courts will not free Gary Tyler.

Only a movement that continues to grow in numbers, strength and militancy will stop those determined to shut up the young black man who wouldn't stand by and let the cops intimidate his brothers and sisters.

The N.A.A.C.P. Committee to Free Gary Tyler is working to build support and raise funds for Gary Tyler here in Jersey. Join the Committee and help Free Gary Tyler!

All money collected to free Gary Tyler should be sent to: Gary Tyler Defense Fund, 736 Mockingbird Lane, Des Moines, Louisiana 70047.

Write to Gary Tyler at the St. James Parish Jail, Convent, Louisiana 70723. Build the movement to free Gary Tyler now! The next attempt at legal murder could be yours.

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